

# WORKSHEET: Series, Taylor Series

## No Calculator Section

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**Part I. Multiple-Choice Questions** (5 points each; please circle the correct answer.)

1. The series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n e^n}{n^2}$  diverges because

I. The terms do not tend to 0 as  $n$  tends to  $\infty$ .

II. The terms are not all positive.

III.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| > 1$ .

(A) I only

(B) II only

(C) III only

(D) I and II only

(E) I and III only

2. The interval of convergence for the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(3x+2)^{n+1}}{n^{5/2}}$  is

(A)  $-1 \leq x < -\frac{1}{3}$

(B)  $-1 < x \leq -\frac{1}{3}$

(C)  $-1 \leq x \leq -\frac{1}{3}$

(D)  $\frac{1}{3} \leq x \leq 1$

(E)  $-1 < x < \frac{1}{3}$

3. Given that  $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n(x-a)^n}{2^n}$  on the interval of convergence of the Taylor series,

$f^{(4)}(a) =$

(A) 0

(B) 6

(C) 9

(D)  $\frac{1}{4}$

(E)  $\frac{1}{4!}$

4. Which of the following series converge?

I.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{n^2 - n + 5}{n^{7/2} + 1} \right)$ .

II.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 3}{n}$

III.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\cos 2n\pi}{n^2} \right)$ .

- (A) I and II only
- (B) I and III only
- (C) II and III only
- (D) They all do!
- (E) None of them do!

5.  $1 - \frac{\pi^2}{2!} + \frac{\pi^4}{4!} + \dots + (-1)^n \frac{\pi^{2n}}{(2n)!} + \dots =$

- (A) 0
- (B) -1
- (C)  $\pi$
- (D) 1
- (E)  $-\pi$

## Part II. Free-Response Questions

1. A function  $f$  is defined by

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{2}{4^2}x + \frac{3}{4^3}x^2 + \cdots + \frac{n+1}{4^{n+1}}x^n + \cdots$$

for all  $x$  in the interval of convergence of the given power series.

(a) **(4 points)** Find the interval of convergence for this power series. Show the work that leads to your answer.

(b) **(3 points)** Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - \frac{1}{4}}{x}$ .

#1, continued;  $f(x) = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{2}{4^2}x + \frac{3}{4^3}x^2 + \cdots + \frac{n+1}{4^{n+1}}x^n + \cdots$

(c) (3 points) Write the first three nonzero terms and the general term for an infinite series that represents  $\int_0^2 f(x) dx$ .

(d) (4 points) Find the sum of the series determined in part (c).

2. Let  $f$  be a function with derivatives of all orders and for which  $f(2) = 7$ . When  $n$  is odd, the  $n$ th derivative of  $f$  at  $x = 2$  is 0. When  $n$  is even and  $n \geq 2$ , the  $n$ th derivative of  $f$  at  $x = 2$  is given by  $f^{(n)}(2) = \frac{(n-1)!}{3^n}$ .

(a) (4 points) Write the sixth-degree Taylor polynomial for  $f$  about  $x = 2$ .

(b) (3 points) In the Taylor series for  $f$  about  $x = 2$ , what is the coefficient of  $(x-2)^{2n}$  for  $n \geq 1$ ?

(c) (4 points) Find the interval of convergence of the Taylor series for  $f$  about  $x = 2$ . Show the work that leads to your answer.



# Calculators Allowed

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**Part III. Multiple-Choice Questions** (5 points each; please circle the correct answer.)

1. The series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n^p - 1}}{n^{p+2} + 1}$  will converge, provided that

- (A)  $p > 1$
- (B)  $p > 2$
- (C)  $p > -1$
- (D)  $p > -2$
- (E)  $p > 0$

2. The graph of the function represented by the Taylor series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n(x + 1)^{n-1}$  intersects the graph of  $y = \ln x$  at  $x \approx$

- (A) 1.763
- (B) 0.703
- (C) 1.532
- (D) 0.567
- (E) 1.493

3. Using the fourth-degree Maclauren polynomial of the function  $f(x) = e^x$  to estimate  $e^{-2}$ , this estimate is

- (A) 7.000
- (B) 0.333
- (C) 0.135
- (D) 0.067
- (E) 0.375

4. What is the approximation of the value of  $\cos(2^\circ)$  obtained by using the sixth-degree Taylor polynomial about  $x = 0$  for  $\cos x$ ?

(A)  $1 - 2 + \frac{2}{3} - \frac{4}{45}$

(B)  $1 + 2 + \frac{16}{24} + \frac{64}{720}$

(C)  $1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{24} - \frac{1}{720}$

(D)  $1 - \frac{\pi^2}{2 \cdot 90^2} + \frac{\pi^4}{4! \cdot 90^4} - \frac{\pi^6}{6! \cdot 90^6}$

(E)  $1 + \frac{\pi^2}{2 \cdot 90^2} + \frac{\pi^4}{4! \cdot 90^4} + \frac{\pi^6}{6! \cdot 90^6}$

5. Which of the following gives a Taylor polynomial approximation about  $x = 0$  for  $\sin 0.5$ , correct to four decimal places?

(A)  $0.5 + \frac{(0.5)^3}{3!} + \frac{(0.5)^5}{5!}$

(B)  $0.5 - \frac{(0.5)^3}{3!} + \frac{(0.5)^5}{5!}$

(C)  $0.5 - \frac{(0.5)^3}{3} + \frac{(0.5)^5}{5}$

(D)  $0.5 + \frac{(0.5)^2}{2!} + \frac{(0.5)^3}{3!} + \frac{(0.5)^4}{4!} + \frac{(0.5)^5}{5!}$

(E)  $0.5 - \frac{(0.5)^2}{2!} + \frac{(0.5)^3}{3!} - \frac{(0.5)^4}{4!} + \frac{(0.5)^5}{5!}$

#### Part IV. Free-Response Questions

1. The function  $f$  has derivatives of all orders for all real numbers  $x$ . Assume  $f(2) = -3$ ,  $f'(2) = 5$ ,  $f''(2) = 3$ , and  $f'''(2) = -8$ .

(a) (3 points) Write the third-degree Taylor polynomial for  $f$  about  $x = 2$  and use it to approximate  $f(1)$ .

(b) (4 points) The fourth derivative of  $f$  satisfies the inequality  $|f^{(4)}(x)| \leq 3$  for all  $x$  in the closed interval  $[1, 2]$ . Use the Lagrange error bound on the approximation to  $f(1)$  found in part (a) to explain why  $f(1) \neq -5$ .

(c) (4 points) Write the fourth-degree Taylor polynomial,  $P(x)$ , for  $g(x) = f(x^2 + 2)$  about  $x = 0$ . Use  $P$  to explain why  $g$  must have a relative minimum at  $x = 0$ .



2. Let  $f$  be a function having derivatives of all orders for all real numbers. The third-degree Taylor polynomial for  $f$  about  $x = 2$  is given by

$$T(x) = -5(x - 2)^2 - 3(x - 2)^3.$$

- (a) **(2 points)** Find  $f(2)$  and  $f''(2)$ .

- (b) **(4 points)** Is there enough information given to determine whether  $f$  has a critical point at  $x = 2$ ? If not, explain why not. If so, determine whether  $f(2)$  is a relative maximum, a relative minimum, or neither, and justify your answer.

#2, continued;  $T(x) = -5(x - 2)^2 - 3(x - 2)^3$ .

- (c) **(4 points)** Use  $T(x)$  to find an approximation for  $f(0)$ . Is there enough information given to determine whether  $f$  has a critical point at  $x = 0$ ? If not, explain why not. If so, determine whether  $f(0)$  is a relative maximum, a relative minimum, or neither, and justify your answer.

- (d) **(4 points)** The fourth derivative of  $f$  satisfies the inequality  $|f^{(4)}(x)| \leq 5$  for all  $x$  in the closed interval  $[0, 2]$ . Use the Lagrange error bound on the approximation to  $f(0)$  found in part (c) to explain why  $f(0)$  is positive.